

Remarks

Claims 1, 3-16, 18-44, and 46-70 are now pending in the application. Claims 67-70 are new claims. Claims 2, 17 and 45 have been canceled. Claims 30-42 have been allowed. Claims 16-29 were withdrawn as drawn to a non-elected species, however pending claim 64 is generic to pending claims 16 and 18-29 (claim 17 was canceled). Claims 1, 8-9, 11-12, 43-44, 47-50, 56-57, 60 and 64-65 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,831,827 to Feteke et al. Claims 2-7, 10, 13-15, 45-46, 51-55, 58-59, 61-63 and 66 were objected to as presenting allowable subject matter but depending from rejected base claims.

Applicants thank the Examiner for his recognition of allowable subject matter.

Claims 2, 17 and 45 were canceled and independent claims 1, 16 and 43 rewritten to incorporate the limitations of those objected to claims. Accordingly, claims 1, 16 and 43 are allowable. Claim 66, which was objected to, has been rewritten to incorporate all of the limitations of the claim from which depended. Accordingly, claim 66 is now allowable. Claim 64 was rewritten to incorporate the limitation from objected to claims 2, 17 and 45. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit, claim 64 should be allowable.

Because claim 64 is generic to claims 16 and 18-29, rejoinder of those claims is appropriate under MPEP § 821.04. Consideration of those claims is respectfully requested.

Finally, because independent claims 1, 16, 43 and 64 are allowable, dependent claims 3-15, 18-29, 44, 46-63, 65 and 67-70 are allowable as dependent from allowable base claims. *See* MPEP § 2143.03; *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071 (Fed. Cir. 1988).

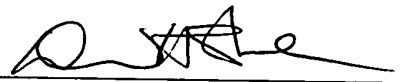
Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment herein demonstrates Applicant's preference for particular language and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary, are not intended to be amendments related to patentability. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments herein merely add language of equivalent scope, and that nothing herein is intended to narrow the scope of any of the claims.

A check in the amount of \$72.00 for the additional four dependent claims is enclosed herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 13-0019. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and such fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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